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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE ON

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FEBRUARY 28 INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY OF FINNISH METAL
WORKERS UNION, KAJ LAXEN, CONFIRMED REFTEL'S ACCOUNT
OF NOVEMBER 1973 MOSCOW MEETINGS OF METALWORKERS

UNIONS LEADERS. LAXEN'S LIST OF ATTENDEES TALLIED
EXACTLY WITH THAT REPORTED EARLIER EXCEPT HE FAILED TO
MENTION THE INVITEES THAT DID NOT SHOW. HE SAID ALL
THREE ITALIAN METALWORKERS UNIONS WERE REPRESENTED
BUT THAT FRANCE WAS REPRESENTED ONLY BY CGT UNION.

2. ALL PARTICIPATING IN MOSCOW MEETING (EXCEPT THE
JAPANESE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD FROM) HAVE RESPONDED
AFFIRMATIVELY TO INVITATION TO MARCH 4-6 MEETING IN
HELSINKI. IN ADDITION DELEGATION WILL BE PRESENT
FROM EGYPT AS WELL AS TWO "OBSERVERS" FROM WEST GERMAN
IG METAL. UAW WAS INVITED TO HELSINKI MEETING, LAXEN
SAID, BUT HAD SENT CATEGORICAL REFUSAL TO ATTEND
FORTHCOMING MEETING OR A POSSIBLE FUTURE CONFERENCE.

3. LAXEN SAID HELSINKI MEETING WOULD NOT SEEK TO
DETERMINE FINAL AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE BUT WOULD BE
TO "EXCHANGE VIEWS" AND FIND OUT AREAS OF AGREEMENT
AND DISAGREEMENT. CONFERENCE SITE MAY BE DISCUSSED
AND LAXEN SAID ENGLAND AND FRANCE WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

4. LAXEN, WHO WAS FRIENDLY BUT NOT PARTICULARLY
FORTHCOMING, ADMITTED THAT OTHR SCANDINAVIANS AND
SOME OTHER IMF (INTERNATIONAL MTALWORKERS FEDERATION)
AFFILIATES WERE OPPOSED TO CONFERENCE BEFORE
RAPPROCHEMENT HAD BEN WORKED OUT ON "FEDERATION
LEVEL", I.E., BETWEEN IMF AND EAST-
EUROPEAN METALWORKERS SECRETARIAT IN PRAGUE. LAXEN
CLAIMED THAT THE OTHER SCANDINAVIANS UNDERSTOOD FIN-
LAND'S "SPECIAL POSITION" AND ACCEPTED IT JUST AS
FINNS RESPECTED THEIR VIEWS. LAXEN IMPLIED THAT
JANUARY 19 EAST-WEST MEETING IN GENEVA MIGHT HELP
WIDEN ACCEPTANCE AT CONFERENCE. ASKED WHETHER THESE
DIFFERENCES OF OPINION HAD BEEN THRASHED OUT IN
NORDIC METALWORKERS FEDERATION, LAXEN REPLIED HE
HAD NOT YET PUT "HIS VIEWS" TO OTHER NORDICS AND
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IT WAS THEREFORE PREMATURE TO CONVEY THEM TO
US.
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